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Marginal Column

By SHAY SHAPIRO

THE U.N. Observers, who all live in the Arab countries, must have been spied by the Arabs as maleable exotics who can be pressed, when there is need, into complete submission. The Israelis, whom they know so imperfectly, residing as they do in corporate on the Arab side, must seem to them very crude and unmanageable indeed.

It is not only that the people here say they are independent. They mean it. Moreover, they believe that the Observers are not above the intricate political game which has always been played in these parts of the world. It is admitted this side of the border that the Observers are aware of the role they are given by certain influences, Arab and non-Arab. The fact remains that in Israel the Observers are taken as the representatives of such an occult force, a force which has a political interest in the area.

ONE admires the perspicacity of that force, U.N. Observers enjoy, in the eyes of the world, an aura of neutrality. Their findings are accepted as final. Good friends advise Israel to be on good terms with the Observers, for it is their judgment which will be taken as final by most people. It is just too bad, but it would not be the first time for the Jews to defy powerful antagonists.

THE True Supervision Organization has been turned, of late, into a powerful machine to denigrate Israel. Somebody is intent on presenting Jews as irresponsible hot-heads who cause all the trouble in the area. It might be the Arabs. It might be some other force. Whoever it is, the climate is being prepared for the world to agree that some more responsible force — say the U.N. — should be put in charge.

EVEN before the idea is presented to the international forum, it has been tried out by the present head of the T.S.O. here, General Vagn Bennike has been urging the Israelis to agree to allow the U.N. Observers freedom of movement. The Israel Chief-of-Staff has repeatedly replied that such a practice would not be in conformity with the General Armistice Agreements. It would not be compatible with the status of a free country. The T.S.O. was created to observe, it was not the intention of the U.N. to give it executive powers.

PERHAPS the Jordanians are willing to forgo their sovereign rights. They have not many, anyhow, except the unfettered right to denigrate Israel. In Israel, any attempt to bring a High Commissioner in through the back door would be resisted. And nobody in his senses would assist that kind of thing. Observers as truly neutral. For everyone has heard the name of Commander Hutchison.

Tel Aviv, June 29.

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Guatemala Army Ousts Arbenz, Communists

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Jacobo Arbenz Guzman, who resigned last night as President of Guatemala, is leaving the country today for a visit to San Salvador, Panama and Buenos Aires, according to a broadcast emanating from the invaded Central American republic, monitored here, Colonel Carlos Enrique Diaz, Chief of the Armed Forces, whom Mr. Arbenz appointed his successor, declared a state of siege throughout the republic, and has replaced the head of the civil defence guard and the chief of police.

Guatemala Radio later broadcast a decree on the formation of a three-man military junta under Col. Diaz. A second decree outlawed the Communist Party. Both were signed by the outgoing Interior Minister, Mr. August McDonald. (Earlier in the day the rebel "Liberation Radio" broadcast a demand for the ousting and arrest of all Communists in the national regime.)

Mr. Arbenz resigned under army pressure as the insurgents were reported to be 70 miles from the capital. The rebels, defying the new military government, in a broadcast from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, declared that the insurgents would not recognize Colonel Diaz.

The State Department reported today that Colonel Diaz would take steps to end the fighting, but there was no news of any peace moves today, and rebel reports indicated fighting was intensifying in intensity. In Washington, diplomats suggested that the transfer of power to Colonel Diaz was merely a manoeuvre to give the army a chance to negotiate with the rebel leader, General Carlos Armas.

The Guatemala embassy in Washington last night said it had received word that a 2,000-ton steamer flying the British flag had been sunk by rebel planes at Port San Jose. The vessel was identified as a Grace Line ship, the s.s. Springfield. It was hit by two bombs and sank with loss of life, coffee, cotton and produce.

Eight Labour leaders shot to the United Fruit Company's trade union were reported to have been executed yesterday by insurgent forces at Insua's banana plantation. Among them was said to be a former Deputy, Mr. Alaric Bennett.

Mr. Arbenz was reported to have been forced out after army leaders had held an all-day conference. His resignation ended a series of moves in which the U.S. was not expected to bring a High Commissioner in through the back door would be resisted. And nobody in his senses would assist that kind of thing. Observers as truly neutral. For everyone has heard the name of Commander Hutchison.

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US Accepts Wary British Stand On S.E. Asian Pact

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — Britain and the U.S. today reaffirmed their intentions to set up a South-East Asian defence organization, but a White House communiqué failed to answer the all important question of timing.

An authoritative source confirmed here today that the U.S. has accepted Britain's refusal to enter into early international negotiations for such a pact.

The phrase in the statement issued by Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower after their week-end talks about their decisions "to press forward with defence plans, referred only to further talks between the two Governments about such an alliance, the sources said.

The Prime Minister understood to have maintained his strong opposition to the calling of an immediate conference of the South-East Asian states. He said in conclusion: "Let us be tolerant, let us be friendly, let us support Arab rights... and let us help forward legitimate Zionist aspirations." (UP, Reuter)

Anglo-US Differences 'Can be Argued Out'

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — Sir Winston Churchill said at a press luncheon here tonight that he had not always agreed with President Eisenhower during the Washington talks but "speaking the same language" he had been able to argue out many of the differences.

The British Premier said the principal difference between the Locarno treaty of 1925 and Britain's plan for Locarno-type treaty for 1954 was that the treaty was not a "sell-out" and for the one now proposed to be effective the U.S. would have to be in it.

Answering another question, he said he had been fighting Communism all his life. "If I had been supported in 1919, Bolshevism might have been strangled in its cradle."

But Anti-Semitism — "Not I am not anti-Russian... but no one is more concerned than I am to make clear how well-being can be made available to all those millions. I believe we will get through away the opportunity."

Sir Winston added: "I have a very great feeling that there must be a wish among the mass of the Russian people to have a better time — more to eat, more and better housing, more knick-knacks to put into the houses — and they deserve to have more fun."

Nothing was more likely to break down the barriers between Communist countries and the Western world than trade, cultural and other contacts with Moscow and attempts to get the most out of the world instead of striving to bring human life to an end, Sir Winston said.

Eshkol Presents Bill to Set Up State Bank

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The draft law for the Israel Bank, the Government's formal financial instrument, was briefly introduced to the Knesset by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, yesterday.

Mr. Eshkol said that the draft would be the main instrument of the country's economic independence, and that it would be the main instrument of the operations which would become the task of the Bank in future had been carried out since the establishment of the state, but this had been done without any legal foundation.

In 1948 there had been too many pressing problems for the technicalities of a Government bank to receive immediate consideration, and the facilities of the Bank Leumi — which was then still the Anglo-Palestine Bank — had been made use of, a special department being established to serve as an issue bank.

Limited Resources He said that Israel's modest natural resources and limited manpower made it the more necessary that the use of these should be directed into fruitful channels, and this could best be done by a carefully coordinated economic policy. This required a national bank to implement credit and foreign currency policies, and to serve as a "bankers' bank."

It would be the Bank's specific duty to attempt to stabilize the currency, and to maintain exports and employment at a high level.

The Minister said that most countries now operate state banks for the same purposes as those for which the Israel Bank is to be established in the 18th Century general opinion had been that a bank of this type should be wholly independent, and act as an economic counter-weight to the government.

With the development of democratic government this was no longer acceptable, however, and

Nehru and Chou Commend Five Peace Principles

NEW DELHI, Monday (Reuter). — The Prime Ministers of India and China today commended five principles in international affairs as "a solid foundation for peace and security."

They hoped to see these principles used, in particular to bring a political settlement in Indo-China, creating the "free democratic, unified and independent states which should not be used for aggressive purposes or subjected to foreign intervention."

The five principles are: Mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful co-existence.

These principles, originally formed the preamble of China's treaty with India on Tibet, signed last April.

Mutual support for the principles formed the basis of a communiqué issued here soon after Mr. Chou En-lai left Peking at the end of a three-day talk with Mr. Nehru.

Mr. Chou will stay in Peking overnight for talks with Premier U Nu of Burma.

The communiqué said that if the principles were applied in international relations generally, "they would form a solid foundation for peace and security, and the fears and anxieties of the peoples of the world would give place to a feeling of confidence."

Prior to his departure Mr. Chou said his talks with Mr. Nehru had led to "definite achievements... which will not only strengthen Sino-Indian friendship but also help consolidate peace in Asia and in the world."

Indo-China Truce Talks Postponed

HONG KONG, Monday (Reuter). — Cease-fire talks between French and Chinese forces in Indo-China today at a village 40 kms. from Hanoi, were postponed.

A French High Command spokesman announced in Hanoi that the talks were postponed for "procedural reasons."

Mr. Chou En-lai, leader of the Vietminh delegation, General Van Tien Dung, had objected because his French colleagues, General Buisson, and General Vallier, were of inferior rank.

The High Command announced that the negotiators will not begin before Wednesday.

The Vietminh radio said they would not accept the "compromise" and qualification of the French High Command delegates, "did not conform to the Geneva Conference, and agreed to by the High Command."

The limit had up to now been 10,000, or total property owned not exceeding 10,000. A reduction in the tax payable would be granted to such bodies as the Custodian of Abandoned Property, the Jewish National Fund, etc. where up to 5% was saved on the cost of collecting the tax.

The law on the export of vegetable products was introduced by Mr. M. Bentov, Mapam, who recalled the fact that this law had been passed in November 1951. It had always been recognized that it was essential to exercise control over the export of citrus in order to ensure that a uniformly high standard of fruit would be maintained, and the reputation of Israeli citrus not damaged by irresponsible exporters.

Amendments to the first two were both introduced by Mr. Gur, Mapai, as Chairman of the Finance Committee. As regards the Agricultural Property Tax law, he noted that an additional paragraph had been introduced exempting new settlers from tax for the first five years.

Suggestions were made by Mr. Gur, Mapai, that the tax scales on various types of land had been devised with an eye to favouring the cooperative sector of agriculture, and similar accusations were exchanged across the floor. Mr. Badar, Herut, was of the opinion that agricultural taxes were too low in general, and in real value had not even come up to the rates set by the Mandatory in 1942.

Mr. Gur, replying, said, "Our duty is not to get into the details of the law, but to observe that there were very few private holdings in the country of more than 50 dunams. The law was passed, the General Assembly voted against the Government on Mr. Arian's proposal not to raise the rate for citrus from 10 to 12.5%, as the final draft of the law proposed.

Introducing the War Damage Compensation Law for its final reading, Mr. Gur said that the new draft mobile equipment and livestock would also be included.

Johnston Rejects Inclusion Of Litani Water Scheme

Gov't Stand on US, UK Note Not Set

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Government has not finally formulated its stand on the new Anglo-American plan to pacify the borders, the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, told a press conference here today.

For the Government of Israel the question which arose was whether there could be a prospect of improvement in the border situation in the absence of evidence of readiness by the other party to respect existing agreements.

Some of the Anglo-American proposals entailed modifications of these agreements, and it was not clear whether there was any point in discussing future arrangements at a time when some basic provisions are being repudiated by the other party.

While refusing to divulge details of the Anglo-American plan, Mr. Sharett said that there was no reference to any changes in the U.N. Charter, nor for the appointment of British Observers to join the T.S.O. here. A call for demarcation of a border might include certain small frontier rectifications, he observed in answer to a question.

Questioned about the Government's attitude to the threatened doctors' strike, the Prime Minister said he hoped the physicians would not create a world precedent by going on strike. Even if their claims for improvement in conditions were justified, he still did not think it wise to make use of the strike weapon.

The Committee of Ministers, which was appointed by the Council of the League of Nations to investigate the demands of employed physicians met this morning in a lengthy session. The discussions will be continued this morning.

Army Replies To UN Observers

The Army spokesman answered the questions of U.N. Truce Observers that they had been shot at while investigating the Mervot Betar incident, said last night that during the investigation, the Observers were aimed at the U.N. group, but it is possible that a stray bullet landed near them.

With regard to the claim of an Observer that an armed Israeli confronted him, the fact is that an unarmed Israeli became excited and ran in the direction of the Observers. One of the attacked settlers, who was armed, intercepted him from advancing towards the group of Observers. It is possible that the Observer, seeing the two Israelis together mistakenly concluded that the one coming toward him was armed.

Lately, there have occurred several misunderstandings involving U.N. Observers which were due to incorrect procedure on behalf of U.N. personnel. General Ben-Gurion claimed that the U.N. Observers could act not only on behalf of the M.A.C. but also on behalf of the Security Council resolution of August 11, 1948, calling for a cease-fire.

The spokesman pointed out that Israel views the Armistice Agreements as a basis for the activities of U.N. personnel as well as a definition of their duties.

These limitations provide that Observers cannot investigate on their own initiative but must have instructions from the M.A.C. and in all cases they must be accompanied by officers of the side which they are investigating.

Although U.N. authorities were advised of Israel's position, the Observers acted contrary to this procedure. Israeli military personnel are instructed to advise U.N. personnel only when accompanied by Israeli armistice officials. If the U.N. personnel has in any way deviated from this procedure, Israel can only express its sincere regret of the situation. Only by acting within their authority can U.N. personnel prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

Shorter Plenary Sessions Asked

A proposal by the Knesset Presidium to cut the hours of plenary sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays is the House Committee today.

The plan which is expected to receive favourable consideration would permit more committee work with a view to breaking a jam of bills which have passed their first readings and which are piled up waiting for committee action.

Under the scheme, the plenary would meet from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Mondays and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Hudeibi in Amman

AMMAN, Monday (Reuter). — The General Inspector of the Moslem Brotherhood in Cairo, Sheikh Hassan Hudeibi, arrived in Amman today after visiting Jordan frontier villages and Islamic organizations on the west bank of the Jordan.

Sharett Reviews Negotiations

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy on Middle East water problems, did not find it possible to include within the framework of the negotiations the use of part of the waters of the Litani River, the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, told a press conference here today.

Mr. Johnston's position was based on the refusal of the Lebanese Government to agree to such a plan and on the fact that since the Litani flows in its entirety within the borders of that one country its use does not automatically involve international problems.

(The use of the Litani to help irrigation in the whole area was an integral part of the Cotton plan submitted by the Israel Government.)

In his statement Mr. Sharett said that "the Israel representatives were not opposed to this approach (to find an agreed basis for the allocation of all the waters in the basin among the interested parties), but could not accept the principle advocated by Mr. Johnston namely to adopt as a basis for final distribution the possibilities for effective use of the water for irrigation of the lands within the basin as such."

The Israel Government has not yet received any direct information on the preliminary understanding which, according to press reports, was reached in Cairo between Mr. Johnston and Arab representatives.

Replying to questions Mr. Sharett stressed that the talks in Israel had been held in a friendly atmosphere, in a desire to reach agreement, and he categorically rejected rumours of any pressure being brought to bear by the U.S. on Israel to accept the American plan. It was fully understood by the American negotiators that Israel's sovereign rights in the matter and that no plan could be imposed on it.

No Atomic Energy Plans

Mr. Johnston did not discuss any plans for the use of atomic energy for power purposes in this area, Mr. Sharett said in reply to another question. He thought that Egypt had been brought into the picture because of the problem and because of the influence Egypt might bring to bear on it.

Referring to the exclusion by the Americans of the Litani waters, Mr. Sharett pointed out that the Lebanon did enter into an agreement with the U.S. to allow the use of the Litani for the use of the Hasbani River. Israel stood firm on its rights on the Yarmouk River, Mr. Sharett said and would not accept a plan which did not take into consideration her rights to those waters, which were based on four grounds:

1) Israel is already using the Yarmouk waters;
2) For some nine kilometres the Yarmouk marks the border, and this country therefore has riparian rights to the river;
3) The Palestine Electric Corporation's charter gives the P.E.C. rights to the use of Yarmouk waters; and
4) The Jordan Government's plan for the use of the Yarmouk requires the building of a dam on Israel territory.

These points were summarized by Mr. Sharett. He said that the U.S. is of the opinion that its irrigation scheme could be implemented even within the present political situation, with no direct contacts between Israel and the Arab States. Agreement would, however, remove a possible major cause of tension and friction.

No territorial concessions on the part of Israel were discussed during the talks. Details of the Arab plan were not divulged to Israel representatives.

Referring to the irrigation of the Neguev, he said that the Americans were not opposed to it. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Lebanon to Probe Jewish Officials

The Lebanese government, after years of pressure by the Arab League, has decided to establish a committee to investigate the affairs of Lebanese Jewish government officials. There is a clear tendency towards dismissing Jews from government service and setting up some sort of control over their future possibilities in the Jewish state.

A-Sareh reports from Beirut. The report claims there is proof that these officials had family and other relations in Israel.

The committee will extend its investigation to the Lebanese army, where Jewish senior officers hold responsible posts. These officers had remained at their posts throughout the present political situation, with reports that they are involved in the passing military information and maps to Israel.

They include officers in charge of the army's map section, the supply division, the public information section and the communication and transport section, the paper concludes.

ARAB LEADERS MAY CONFER IN AUGUST

AMMAN, Monday (Reuter). — The Lebanese Ambassador to Jordan, Emir Khaled Shahab, who returned here today from Beirut, said he had been told that a conference of Arab kings and presidents will be held during August to discuss all Arab questions.

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World Aguda Meets Today

The World Congress (Knesset Gedola) of Agudat Yisrael is to be opened this evening in Jerusalem by Dr. Jacob Rosenblum, President of the World Aguda. The Congress will be held at the Hotel Jerusalem, under the patronage of the Ministry of Education and Culture, and the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The Congress will be opened by Dr. Rosenblum, who will deliver an address on the role of the Aguda in the Jewish community. He will also discuss the current situation of the Jewish people in Israel and the world.

The Congress will be held for several days, during which various resolutions will be discussed and adopted. It is expected that the Congress will be a success and that it will strengthen the ties between the Jewish community in Israel and the world.

Beauty Opposed

A protest has been lodged against the election of Miss Aviva Pearlman as Israel's Beauty Queen, on the grounds that the winner is a professional model and had friends among the judges. The protest was lodged by a group of women who claimed that the election was unfair and that the winner was not a true beauty.

The protest was lodged with the Ministry of Education and Culture, which is responsible for the election. The Ministry has not yet responded to the protest.

SHARETT ON WATER PLANS

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Mr. Sharett, as a self-appointed mediator and was prepared to back his plan financially. The present intention behind the Middle East scheme was to raise the general standard of the area, to help rehabilitate it, to remove a cause of international friction and to help settle Arab refugees who were already costing America large sums of money without being permanently integrated.

P.M.'S STATEMENT

The following is the full text of Mr. Sharett's statement:

The purpose of the talks with Ambassador Johnston and his associates was to clarify the various plans of development for Jordan and Yarmuk Rivers for irrigation and power to the benefit of the countries which have rights in these rivers.

Ambassador Johnston did not, in the framework of the negotiations, find it possible to include the question of water rights in the Litali. His position was based on the refusal of the Lebanese Government to agree to a plan and on the fact that since the Litali flows in its entirety within the borders of that country, its use would not automatically involve international problems.

The Government of Israel maintained its view that only by the use of the Litali water, now running entirely to waste, would it be possible to arrive at a distribution of water assuring the fullest possibilities of development.

The talks did not result in an initial agreement for a division of water which would enable work to start without delay on specific projects so that such quantities of water would be assured to Israel and the Arab States respectively, as would be sufficient to provide for the needs of the population of the area.

The Israel representative took a favourable attitude to the proposal for the resettlement of a number of Arab refugees in the Greenwald Litali within the framework of the general irrigation project for Jordan, but it was not possible to agree on the allocation of water for this purpose in the main plan.

Ambassador Johnston insisted on the necessity to find new agreeable basis for the allocation of water.

Semi-Finals of World Soccer Cup Tomorrow

BELGRADE, Monday. — Hungary will clash with Uruguay at the semi-finals of the World Soccer Cup on Wednesday.

On the basis of performances in the tournament thus far, Hungary is favoured to beat Uruguay and finally to triumph over the winners of the German-Austria game.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gustav Sebes, the Hungarian Minister of Sport, has announced the cancellation of the scheduled Hungarian football tour of Brazil following the incidents of yesterday's game with Brazil. The Hungarians definitely earned their victory over Brazil by outplaying the Brazilians all the way.

With their famous inside left, J. Toth, Kocsis, Kliggkut, Csikos and M. Toth, J. Toth was injured just before the interval and with one of the Hungarians ordered off for losing his temper over a Brazilian foul, Hungary played the last half hour with only nine men.

The organizing Committee of the International Football Federation today censured both the Hungarian and Brazilian players for the unsportsmanlike conduct of their teams during yesterday's game. The Committee also ordered the federations to punish the players ordered off the field.

Two Brazilians and one Hungarian. Many federation delegates here feel that the main fault lay with the Brazilians.

Arab Landlords Given IL 500,000

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over IL 500,000 has already been paid to Arab landlords under the Land Requisition Law since the compensation offices were opened in March, and thousands of dunams of land have been allocated to Arab farm workers, Mr. Mordechai Schattner, Director of the Development Authority, has told The Jerusalem Post.

Large areas of the requisitioned land have now been found to be plots which had been confiscated from their Jewish owners by the Mandatory Government or the British Army. These areas had continued to be used by the Israel Defence Forces or for other public purposes without their ownership having been ascertained. There are also large stretches of undetermined State domain which could not be transferred to the State earlier for technical reasons.

The total area requisitioned under the Law is 1,500,000 dunams. It had been thought that the area would have been 500,000 dunams. The total compensation now expected to be paid is IL 1,500,000.

Despite heavy pressure of work, the Authority managed to settle all requisition orders by March 21, the limit provided by the Law.

The Director revealed that small allocations have been made from Waski (Moslem religious endowment) funds for the nation's 130,000 Moslems. The projects include two health centres in the Little Triangle, an old-age home in Jaffa and an orphanage in Acre.

THE MINISTRY OF Labour

yesterday concluded an agreement with the Trade Union participants in the Popular Housing Scheme to a deduction of IL 40 from their accounts with the Ministry. The deductions on houses were made in June 1952, the same time as the 10% compulsory loan. At that time, Popular Housing tenants were promised a rebate on their initial payments.

A CHILDREN'S doctor

is now being sent regularly to Elia, the Negev District Kupat Holim Centre. The Sick Fund is also planning to establish a second clinic at Elia.

HUNDREDS of maddened bees

whose hive went up in flames, stung and hindered Haifa Municipal firemen, who were fighting a 300-dunam brush fire near the Vulkan factory, in the Bay-side area on Sunday evening. The firemen put out the blaze, but were forced to leave two hives burning.

THE MUZRAHI GIRLS' hostel

secondary school and handicrafts training school in Tel Aviv yesterday celebrated its 15th anniversary and the completion of its current course.

THE COOPERATIVE village of Sde Zvi (Shuvil, Five)

yesterday celebrated its first anniversary.

FOR CONSPIRING with his wife

to abandon three children and for refusing to feed them, Avraham Ben Avraham, 41, of Kfar Salame, was yesterday sentenced to one year imprisonment by the Magistrate's Court in Tel Aviv. For refusing to take the children back he was also deprived of the children's legal custody.

FOR NEGLECTING their auxiliary farms

33 Karate farmers of the cooperative settlement of Malah in the coastal plain have been removed from the settlement by the Jewish Agency and settled in Kfar Yehon.

THE 30-YEAR savings of the "King of the beggars"

Yakov Levant, IL 900 in cash, was stolen on Sunday from his flat while he was engaged on "professional work" in the street. The thief took gold watches valued at IL 3,000 were stolen from a jewelry shop at 22 Rehov Alenby. ABOUT 1,500 stamps together valued at IL 1,400 were stolen on Sunday from the home of Mr. Issachar Guran in Haifa Road, Tel Aviv.

Right to Sue The Government

The Supreme Court yesterday reversed a decision of the Jerusalem District Court which held that the Government could not be summoned to trial in certain instances.

The decision was handed down in the case of a claimant against the Court clerk for the return of one pound which was collected from him.

The lower court had decided that the claimant did not have the right to sue the Government. The Supreme Court ruled that the District Court could not deprive a citizen of the right to sue the Government.

J'LEM LACKS FIRST AID

The Capital and environs are likely to be without any First Aid facilities from tomorrow morning, following the decision of Mayor David Adom to strike until their demands have been met.

The First Aid station will be shut, ambulances unavailable, and telephone calls will not be answered after the strike's first day. During last Thursday's warning walk-out, telephone calls were directed to local hospitals. This strike, however, has hit the city's First Aid service since its stoppage on May 1 for lack of funds.

Opposition Boycotts Jerusalem Council

The left-wing Opposition in the Jerusalem Municipality informed the District Representative yesterday "that in view of circumstances, the Council Opposition members will not participate in sessions until further notice."

The Opposition members were absent from yesterday's meeting of the Finance Committee and the Building Committee. This latest refusal to attend the Council's history broke at the end of the weekly session on Sunday, when an Opposition motion of no confidence in the Mayor was presented from reaching a vote by the Mayor himself, who adjourned the meeting.

HAIFA CHICKENS DIE WAITING

HAIFA, Monday. — The poultry market here today: the matter had previously produced long and heated discussions.

Mayor Abba Khoussy said that an average of 150 chickens died every day while waiting for the slaughterers at the congested Paltip market, increasing the poultry price which includes a fatality allowance paid by the police.

A Histadrut-affiliated cooperative is to receive the concession for transporting the poultry, although private carriers will not be excluded if their vehicles conform to sanitary regulations, the Mayor said. Centralization will be the new policy, and besides the large slaughter stations the city, seven slaughter stations will be sanctioned, he promised.

The Labour majority passed the by-law embodying these arrangements against the votes of the Centre and Orthodox Councilors, who charged that the Histadrut was being favoured. The Ministry of Agriculture approval is now awaited for the plan.

Sde Boker to Be Unaffiliated

BEERSHEVA, Monday. — Sde Boker will not join any kibbutz movement, the Secretary of the settlement, Mr. Aharon Baruch, today told The Jerusalem Post.

The settlement is denying press reports that Sde Boker was about to join the Mapam kibbutz movement. He also denied that a Mapam branch was instituted in Sde Boker, as was claimed by a Mapam conference here last week.

Opera Trying For Comeback

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Hebrew National Opera is now making every effort to revive its performance and is in negotiation with the "highest authorities in the Government and the Municipality" toward this end, the Opera's management told The Jerusalem Post.

The "National Opera" under the direction of Mme. Edla de Philippe, plans to resume performances in the autumn with guest artists from abroad, it was stated.

WIZO Week at Rehovot

Within the framework of the Good Citizenship Campaign the Mayor, Mr. Benion Hurwitz, Miss Margaret Weinmann of the Swiss Consulate, and Mrs. Shifra Lifson of Israel Wizo Executive will speak at Beit El-Hamot tomorrow, Thursday, June 26, at 8:30 p.m.

The evening good citizenship will be shown.

World Congress of Agudat Yisrael Women

(Knesset Olami Shei N'shei Agudat Yisrael)

All delegates and guests from abroad are heartily invited to a mutual acquaintance reception today, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at Goldschmidt's Restaurant, Rehov Lutz, Jerusalem.

N'shei W'nei Agudat Yisrael, Jerusalem.

Frenchman Appears for Palgi

By MACABEE KASKIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Tony" a French gentile soldier captured with Hannah Senesh on the Yugoslav-Hungarian border, came especially from France to testify in the Greenwald libel trial. He took the witness stand in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday and related minute details of their capture, torture and imprisonment.

Tony, whose full name is Antoine Tassendier, also told of the torture and earphones and other appliances on them, and other appliances on them, and other appliances on them.

The first witness yesterday, Mr. Elihu Dobkin, of the Jewish Agency Executive, categorically stated that he had not authorized Dr. Kastner to make a recommendation for Kurt Becher, a leading Nazi, in the name of the Jewish Agency. The last witness was Mr. Yacov Levant, of Tivon, who told of the last days of the Cui ghetto.

Called by Judge

Tony, a surprise witness, was called to the stand by Dr. Benjamin Halevi, President of the Court, because Mr. Halevi, the Attorney General, had already closed the prosecution's case, and Mr. Shmuel Tamir, for the defence, had asked the court to study aspects of the case on which he is to conduct the main examination. Malkiel Greenwald is being tried for having libelled Dr. Kastner by writing in a newsletter that he had collaborated with the Nazis.

Tony said that he had come here at the specific request of his "good friend" Dr. Palgi, who had told him that he "was the only one who could clarify" certain aspects of the tragic events in Budapest. He was furnished with an El Al ticket (Mr. Palgi is a Deputy Director of El Al) and arrived here early Tuesday morning and is staying with Mr. Palgi. He has to return to France on Wednesday evening.

In June, 1940, Tony told the Court, he was taken prisoner by the Germans. Two days later he escaped to Hungary, but when that country was overrun by the Nazis on March 19, 1944, he fled to Yugoslavia.

Here he met Hannah Senesh. She was dressed in the uniform of a British officer and it was only much later, in jail, that he learned that she and her fellow parachutists were Palestinians.

Joined Senesh

Hannah promised him assistance in arranging the border crossing of 400-500 French prisoners-of-war from Hungary to Yugoslavia, so he joined her and two Hungarians, Fleischman and Kalosh, in a daring attempt to cross, dressed in civilian clothes, armed with pistols, carrying in turn Hannah's transmitter, which was the size of a "medium radio" they were accompanied by the frontier by Tito's partisans. They hid the transmitter.

Fleischman and Kalosh were sent to a village to contact the "border smugglers." Suddenly Hannah and Tony were surrounded by numerous Hungarian police. They were taken to a police station where they found Fleischman, who told them Kalosh had committed suicide in his presence upon being captured.

They were tortured.

Tony confessed to the police that he was returning to help the French prisoners-of-war to escape, but denied any knowledge of the transmitter.

Dobkin Denies Agency Authorized Kastner

"I definitely did not authorize Dr. Kastner to sign, for the Jewish Agency, the document in which he recommended that Kurt Becher 'deserved full consideration,'" Mr. Elihu Dobkin said yesterday in the reply to a question by Judge Benjamin Halevi, President of the Jerusalem District Court. He added that to the best of his knowledge he ran across the name Becher for the first time while reading about the present trial of Malkiel Greenwald for libelling Dr. Kastner.

Mr. Dobkin, who served from 1948 until 1951 as head of the Organization Department of the Jewish Agency, said that he did not remember talking to Dr. Kastner on this matter in their two meetings abroad (in Geneva and London) immediately after the war.

But the witness stressed that "these conversations took place ten years ago" and their contents could have slipped his memory. (In his sworn testimony, Dr. Kastner had told the court that he had talked with Mr. Dobkin about "Nuremberg and Becher" in a cafe in Geneva.)

Mr. Dobkin said that his personal opinion as to Dr. Kastner was "definitely favourable," that he was faithful to his rescue mission and that he had no grounds to believe that Dr. Kastner would lie in his testimony.

MAPI EXPELS DOCTORS

Dr. Z. Avigdor, Chairman of the Israel Medical Association, and Dr. M. Ben-Zion, member of its Central Committee, were expelled from Mapai yesterday for disobeying Party instructions to cancel the physicians' strike last month.

Meanwhile, Hadasah has begun negotiations with its physicians in order to come to a satisfactory agreement.

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MORE VEGETABLES

During May, 16,091,990 kilograms of vegetables (including potatoes), reached the market, as compared with 15,038,690 in May 1953, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The main vegetables were (in kg.):

	May 1954	May 1953
Potatoes	8,330,230	8,061,260
Cucumbers	3,842,350	271,130
Tomatoes	2,895,550	167,810
Spinach	1,924,900	1,811,970
Onions	960,200	1,179,910
Carrots	960,200	1,179,910

Tuvalu marketed 46% of the potatoes, 56% of the tomatoes, 60% of the carrots, and 27% of the cucumbers.

During May, 1,749 tons of fruit reached the market, including 1,200 tons of bananas, 292 tons of apricots and 156 tons of plums. Of the total 79% were marketed by Tuvalu.

THE MANAGEMENT of the General Israel Orphan Home for Girls in Jerusalem

was highly delighted to welcome their honorary Australian treasurer, Mr. Joseph Goldenberg of Melbourne, now here on a short visit, and who has for many years given of his time, money, and energy, for the benefit of the hundreds of little orphans in Israel who depend upon this loyal Home.

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Cables in Brief

TRUMAN. — The former U.S. President, Harry Truman, was reported to be better yesterday after passing through a critical phase in his post-operation convalescence, but his condition remained serious.

CO-OPS. — The director-general of Hamaashir Hamaashir, Mr. Jacob Ester, arrived in Moscow yesterday at the invitation of the Central Union of Soviet Consumer Co-operatives to attend the fourth congress of the consumer cooperatives of the USSR.

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ERNST WALTER, Engineer

of Vienna at the age of 60. The cortege will leave the Beilinson Hospital at 2 p.m. today. Transport for those wishing to participate will leave 7 Rehov Hananial, Tel Aviv, at 1.30 p.m.

THE MOURNING FAMILY

